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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7836

BILL NUMBER: HB 1576

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 2, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Sex and Violent Offender Registry.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Hinkle

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires persons convicted of murder, voluntary manslaughter, aggravated battery, arson as a Class A felony, or possession of a weapon of mass destruction with the intent to carry out terrorism to register on the Indiana Sex and Violent Offender Registry under the same conditions as sex offenders. It also makes conforming amendments.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Overview of Sex Offender Registry* – The Sex Offender Registry has two components for public use:

- a web page with the name, address, and picture of each offender.
- a geographical information system component that shows each offender on maps of varying scale.

The Department of Correction (DOC) coordinates with the Indiana Sheriffs' Association to input offender information into a database. DOC then contracts with APPRISS Inc. to develop this information into a series of web pages with the offender's name, address, and recent picture. The current contract with APPRISS for initial costs was \$173,000, and DOC has a continuing contract to pay \$4,000 per month for maintenance. This maintenance contract expires on January 22, 2008.

The Office of the Attorney General contracts with Map Muse Inc. for developing the on-line maps of where sex offenders are located. The current contract for the services of Map Muse is \$42,100 and runs from January 31, 2005, to January 31, 2008.

Added Costs – To add a menu option for murder, voluntary manslaughter, aggravated battery, arson as a Class A felony, or possession of a weapon of mass destruction with the intent to carry out terrorism, DOC estimates the costs to range between \$75,000 (to add the five specific offenses and rename the registry) and \$180,000 (to redesign the registry to allow for future changes at lower cost). The following describes the features of these two options in greater detail.

<u>Option Cost</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Features</u>
\$75,000	Adds five specific offenses and renames the registry	Modifications would be made to the tool that local sheriffs use to collect data, the public uses to view data, APPRISS uses to transmit data to the National Sex Offender Public Registry, and APPRISS uses to provide data to MapMuse.
\$180,000	Redesigns registry to allow for future changes at lower cost	Sex and violent offenders would be in separate groups requiring registration and available for presentation to the public. Reduces future programming costs to add new registration requirements and new groups of offenders.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Effect on Local Law Enforcement Agencies* – Offenders sentenced for murder, voluntary manslaughter, aggravated battery, arson as a Class A felony, or a crime related to a weapon of mass destruction would be required to register with the Sex or Violent Offender Registry at the local level for the rest of their lives after they finish their time on parole or probation.

The following table shows the average number of offenders who have been released from DOC facilities for murder, voluntary manslaughter, aggravated battery, arson as a Class A felony, or a crime related to a weapon of mass destruction between 2003 and 2005 for five different county population groups and Marion County.

Offenders Released from DOC in:							
	No. of Counties	Population in 2005	<u>CY 2003</u>	<u>CY 2004</u>	<u>CY 2005</u>	3-Year average	Rate per 100,000
Counties less than 25,000	30	503,627	12	9	9	10	2.0
Between 25,000 and 40,000	25	808,627	14	13	20	16	2.0
Between 40,000 and 75,000	18	972,397	22	28	30	27	2.8
Between 75,000 and 250,000	15	2,020,726	65	64	68	66	3.3
Allen, Lake, St. Joseph	3	1,103,463	68	60	56	61	5.5
Marion County	1	863,133	71	57	56	61	7.1
Statewide	92	6,271,973	252	231	239	241	3.8

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Correction.

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies; Probation departments; Trial courts.

Information Sources: Department of Correction Offender Information System.

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